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To: CHAIR and COMMISSIONERS

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Action

Ref: **2010 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines**

## ISSUE

The Commission exercised its option under state law to delay the adoption of the Fund Estimate. Staff recommends the Commission correspondingly extend the dates for the submittal of interregional and regional transportation improvement programs (normally December 15), and for the adoption of the STIP (normally April 1).

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the following schedule of major milestones for the development and adoption of the 2010 STIP:

<b>Recommended 2010 STIP Timeline</b>	
Workshop: Draft Fund Estimate & Draft STIP Guidelines	9/9/2009
Fund Estimate & STIP Guideline adoption	10/14/2009
ITIP & RTIPs submitted	2/12/2010
STIP hearing	3/21/2010*
STIP hearing	3/23/2010*
Staff recommendation	4/29/2010
STIP adoption	5/19/2010
* Not a scheduled Commission meeting.	

## BACKGROUND

The STIP is the biennial five-year plan adopted by the Commission for future allocations of certain state transportation funds for state highway improvements, intercity rail, and regional highway and transit improvements. Under law, the Commission adopts a new biennial STIP in even-numbered years, with each new STIP adding two new years to prior programming commitments.

The first step in the STIP process is the development of the Fund Estimate assumptions to be used in projecting the various categories of revenues and expenditures for each account. The Commission adopted Fund Estimate assumptions at its June 11, 2009 meeting.

At the Commission's July 8, 2009 meeting, the Commission exercised its option under state law to delay the adoption of the fund estimate beyond the statutory August 15 date because until after the enactment of pending the 2009-10 budget amendments (and related trailer bills) because of the uncertainty regarding the impact the various proposals would have on STIP funding.

The Legislature passed the 2009-10 budget amendments and trailer bills on July 23 and 24, 2009. The Governor signed the budget amendments and trailer bills on July 28, 2009. Following the timeline in statute, Caltrans would have 30 days after the budget is passed and 15 days after the budget is signed to present a draft Fund Estimate to the Commission. Caltrans is endeavoring to submit the Draft 2010 STIP Fund Estimate by August 12, 2009. As this is the day of the Commission meeting, staff recommends that the Commission hold a workshop to discuss the Draft 2010 STIP Fund Estimate and Draft 2010 STIP Guidelines at the September 9, 2009 Commission meeting. Staff similarly recommends delaying other milestones in the 2010 STIP process.